Appeal to President B. Obama calling upon concrete actions for abolition of nuclear weapons towards the world free from war

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First of all we the Committee of Seven for World Peace welcome your visit to Japan on November 13 and 14, 2009 and extend our sincere congratulations to your Nobel Peace Prize.

It is our pleasure to know that the great majority of people in the world have welcomed your leadership at the Security Council of the United Nations on September 24, 2009 for the unanimous adoption of the Resolution 1887 and your speech on nuclear weapons delivered in Prague, Czech Republic, on April 5, 2009, promising to take concrete steps towards a world free from nuclear weapons. We also remember well your speech in Berlin on July 24, 2008 and your Renewing America's Promise at the Democratic Convention on August 25, 2008. In these occasions you repeated America's commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons.

Two days ago your comment in an exclusive interview with NHK in the previous day was broadcasted in Japan. You mentioned that you would be honored to have the opportunity to visit the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which experienced atomic bombings, during his presidency, although your schedule did not allow you to visit this time and that the memories of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are etched in the minds of the world. Your words show once again that you convince firmly to realize the world free-from nuclear weapons. The Japanese citizens, especially surviving *hibakushas*, victims of atomic bombings in these cities, share your ideas and expect your concrete positive actions.

It is the time for all human beings to remember the spirit of the United Nations that all members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered. The Constitution of Japan stating that we recognize that all peoples of the world have the right to live in peace, free from fear and want is based upon the completely same idea.

The Biological Weapons Convention, the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines have entered in to force. The Convention on Cluster Munitions is following. The role of nuclear weapons should be denied immediately with no reservation for all human beings. The Convention on Nuclear Weapons has to and can be realized.

Here we wish to introduce ourselves.

The Committee of Seven for World Peace Appeal was established in Japan in 1955 by seven influential intellectual persons at the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the United Nations, appealing the strengthening the roll of the UN and to seek the abolition of war. It was in the same year when the Russell-Einstein Manifesto was issued, stating that 'Remember your humanity and forget the rest'. Since then the Committee has issued its international and domestic appeals based on peace, justice and humanity by personal capacity independent from outside. We have pursued the abolition of nuclear weapons from our starting days, convincing that any conflicts in the world should be solved by peaceful means. We believe that the possession of nuclear weapons and the adoption of the doctrine of nuclear umbrella should be abandoned without exception for any nations. The present message is our 100th appeal.

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